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**FEDERAL GRAND JURY CHARGES LOUISVILLE MAN WITH
DRUG TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSING A FIREARM
IN FURTHERANCE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING**

– Had 3 handguns

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **JERMAINE BUFORD**, age 27, of 1533 Beech Street, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

The Indictment alleges that on or about November 3, 2006, **Buford** possessed more than five grams of crack cocaine that he intended to distribute to others. The Indictment further alleges that **Buford** possessed three firearms, including a .40 caliber semiautomatic pistol, a .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol and a .38 special caliber revolver, in furtherance of his drug trafficking crime. The estimated street value of the crack cocaine was approximately \$2500.00.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a

\$10,500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 10 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke , and it was jointly investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Buford is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on February 20, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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